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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 11-12 (withdrawn pursuant to a Restriction Requirement) and claim 17 (duplicative after cancellation of restricted subject matter from claim 13) have been cancelled. Claims 1, 6, 8, and 13-16 and 18 have been amended as per the Examiner's suggestions, to cancel withdrawn subject matter, to simplify claim language, eliminate typographical errors and/or to provide proper antecedent basis. No new matter was added.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected method claims 13-18 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement on the grounds that the specification fails to teach treatment of all recited diseases because the diseases embrace a vast array of problems.

Applicants respectfully submit that a person of skill in the art would have understood claims 13-18 as originally written to recite treatment of the ischemic damage or injury occurring in the recited diseases and not each and every problem associated with the diseases.

However, Applicants have amended claims 13-18 to rephrase and more explicitly describe what the person of skill in the art would have understood from the original claims. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 and 13-18 as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of Applicants' invention.

Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to suggest how the rejection can be overcome. Claims have been amended accordingly. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

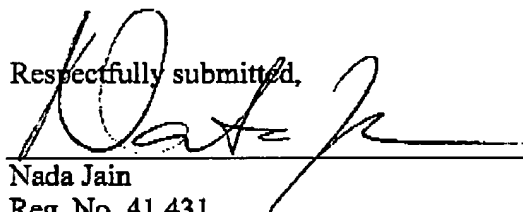
Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,


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